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GENTLED YEARLING MUSTANGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION SEPTEMBER 29

HINES, Oregon – The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is offering 8 gentled yearling mustangs for adoption on Saturday, September 29 in Estacada, Oregon. The mustangs range in age from 12 to 18 months and come from the Warm Springs and Three Fingers Herd Management Areas.

In May, the animals were picked up from Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines by volunteer trainers Courtney and Karen Lewis. The Lewis' and friends John and Diane Henry – also volunteer horse trainers for BLM – have since guided the mustangs through a 90-day beginning gentling program. Each yearling is halter trained, leads with ease, doesn't mind foot handling or basic touching and will load into a trailer with some coaxing.

The five fillies and three geldings are available just days from now. The Henry family will host the adoption event at their home in Estacada – 24676 South Century Road. Viewing begins at 9:00 a.m. with a silent bid adoption to follow at 1:00 p.m. sharp. Those interested should arrive early and <u>get registered</u> to adopt. Only <u>registered</u> adopters can participate in the silent bidding process for the animal or animals they want to take home.

All horse enthusiasts are encouraged to consider becoming adopters so these wild horses can be placed in good, safe homes. With their stamina, hardiness, and quick intelligence, Oregon's wild horses make excellent partners for any discipline.

For more information on the September 29 yearling adoption or for directions to the event site, contact the Burns District BLM at (541) 573-4400.

